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- (a) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/569,501 of YAMADA et al., filed May 11, 2000;
- (b) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/779,000 of YAMADA et al., filed February 7, 2001;
- (c) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/795,637 of YAMADA et al., filed February 28, 2001;
- (d) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/928,882 of KATOH et al., filed August 13, 2001;
- (e) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/956,637 of IDE et al., filed September 19, 2001;
- (f) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/966,171 of YAMADA et al., September 28, 2001;
- (g) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/044,490 of NAKAMURA et al., filed January 9, 2002;
- (h) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/062,912 of KATOH et al., filed January 31, 2002;
- (i) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/071,068 of ITO et al., filed February 7, 2002;
- (j) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/116,582 of NARUMI et al., filed April 4, 2002;
- (k) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/179,101 of YAMADA et al., filed June 24, 2002; and
- (l) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/188,946 of KATOH, filed July 2, 2002.

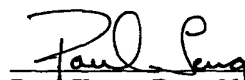
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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